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In re Application of: )  
Lail et al. )  
Assignee: Corning Cable Systems LLC ) Art Unit: 2839  
Serial No.: 10/661,204 )  
Filed: September 12, 2003 ) Examiner: Hyeon, Hae M.  
Title: OPTICAL TUBE ASSEMBLY HAVING  
A DRY INSERT AND METHODS OF  
MAKING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

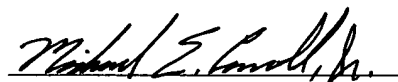
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